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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

The Estate of Egon Klementi by and through the
Special Administrator Elfriede Klementi and
Elfriede Klementi, individually:

Plaintiff,

v.

Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a
Connecticut Corporation; Jeffrey Spencer; Does
1-XXX; and ABC Corporations A-Z; inclusive.

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:18-cv-00169-MMD-WGC

**STIPULATION AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

Defendant Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company and Plaintiffs the Estate of Egon Klementi by and through the Special Administrator Elfriede Klementi and Elfriede Klementi stipulate to the following Protective Order:

To expedite the flow of discovery, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality, adequately protect material claimed to be confidential, and ensure protection is afforded only to material so designated, it is, pursuant to the Court's authority under FED. R. CIV. P. 26(c), **ORDERED** this Protective Order shall govern the disclosure, handling and disposition of documents in this litigation as follows:

1 1. **Application.**

2 1.1 This Protective Order shall govern any document, information or other material that
3 is designated as containing “Confidential Information” as defined herein, and is produced in
4 connection with this litigation by any person or entity (the “producing party”), whether in response
5 to a discovery request, subpoena or otherwise, to any other person or entity (the “receiving party”)
6 regardless of whether the person or entity producing or receiving such information is a party to this
7 litigation.

8 2. **Definitions.**

9 2.1 Confidential Information. “Confidential Information” shall mean and include,
10 without limitation, any non-public information that concerns or relates to the following areas:, trade
11 secrets as defined by NRS 600A.030(5); confidential practices and procedures; personal
12 information as defined by NRS 603A.040; commercial, financial, pricing, budgeting, and/or
13 accounting information; confidential information about existing and potential customers; marketing
14 studies, performance projections, business strategies, decisions and and/or negotiations in forming
15 policies and procedures; personnel compensation; and confidential proprietary information about
16 affiliates, parents, subsidiaries and third-parties with whom the parties to this action have or have
17 had business relationships.

18 2.2 Documents. As used herein, the term “documents” includes all writings, records,
19 files, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, e-mails, video tapes, audio tapes, compact discs,
20 electronic messages, other data compilations from which information can be obtained and other
21 tangible things subject to production under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

22 3. **Initial Designation.**

23 3.1 Good Faith Claims. Claims of confidentiality will be made only with respect to
24 documents, other tangible things and information that the asserting party has a good faith belief are
25 within the definition set forth in subparagraph 2.1 of this Protective Order. Objections to such
26 claims made pursuant to paragraph 5, below, shall also be made only in good faith.

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A party producing documents that are stored on electronic, magnetic, optical or other non-paper media, such as compact discs, DVD's, video tapes and audio tapes (collectively, "data storage devices") shall designate the data storage device as containing Confidential Information, by affixing a label or stamp to the data storage device in the manner described above at the time copies of such data storage devices are produced. Nothing in this means of production eliminates or otherwise reduces a party's obligation to mark individual files or documents so produced as Confidential if feasible. If the receiving party or other persons or entities to whom disclosure is authorized pursuant to subparagraph 7.1 make a copy of any data storage device designated by the producing party as containing Confidential Information, the receiving party or other authorized person shall mark each such copy as containing Confidential Information in the same form as the confidentiality notice on the original data storage device produced. If the receiving party or other authorized person prints out or otherwise makes copies of the documents or information stored on such data storage device, the receiving party or other authorized person shall mark each page so copied with the label or stamp specified in subparagraph 3.2.

3.3 Interrogatory Answers. If a party answering an interrogatory or other discovery demand believes that its answer contains Confidential Information, it shall state so in the

1 interrogatory response, and that portion of the response will be entitled to the protections of this
2 order.

3 3.4 Inspection of Documents. In the event a party elects to produce files and records for
4 inspection and the requesting party elects to inspect them, no designation of Confidential
5 Information needs to be made in advance of the inspection. For purposes of such inspection, all
6 material produced shall be considered as Confidential Information. If the inspecting party selects
7 specified documents to be copied, the producing party shall designate Confidential Information in
8 accordance with subparagraph 3.2 at the time the copies are produced.

9 3.5 Deposition Transcripts. The party asserting confidentiality shall state on the record
10 the portions it deems confidential. The failure to designate testimony on the record as confidential
11 shall be a waiver unless the designating party notifies all other parties and files a motion to
12 designate the testimony as confidential within 5 days of the notification.

13 3.6 Inadvertent Failure to Designate. Inadvertent failure to identify documents or things
14 as “Confidential” pursuant to this Protective Order shall not constitute a waiver of any otherwise
15 valid claim for protection, provided that the provisions of this paragraph are satisfied. If the
16 designating party discovers that information should have but was not designated “Confidential” or
17 of the designating party receives notice that would enable the designated party to learn that it has
18 disclosed such information, the designating party must immediately notify all other parties. In such
19 event, within seven (7) calendar days of notifying all other parties, the designating parties must also
20 provide copies of the “Confidential” information designated in accordance with this Protective
21 Order. After receipt of such re-designated information, the “Confidential” information shall be
22 treated as required by this Protective Order, and the receiving party(ies) shall promptly, and in no
23 event more than fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of the re-designated information,
24 return to the designated party all previously produced copies of the same unlegended documents or
25 things, or certify that such unlegended documents have been destroyed and/or deleted. he
26 designating party and the parties may agree to alternative means. The receiving party(ies) shall
27 receive no liability, under this Protective Order or otherwise, for any disclosure of information
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1 contained in unlegended documents or things occurring before the receiving party was placed on
2 notice of the designating party's claims of confidentiality.

3 Nothing in this provision shall be construed to act as a "clawback" or otherwise require the
4 non-designating party to withdraw or seal documents filed with the Court that were not designated
5 as confidential when filed, but were later designated as "Confidential" by the designating party.

6 4. **Designations by Another Party.**

7 4.1 Notification of Designation. If a party other than the producing party believes that a
8 producing party has produced a document that contains or constitutes Confidential Information of
9 the non-producing party, the non-producing party may designate the document as Confidential
10 Information by so notifying all parties in writing within fourteen (14) days of service of the
11 document. This time frame does not apply to "Personal Information" as defined by NRS 603A.040,
12 but, the designation of Confidential Information beyond the fourteen (14) day period only applies to
13 the specific information deemed to be "Personal Information" as defined by NRS 603A.040 and not
14 to the entirety of the document. Without redaction of the "Personal Information" as defined by NRS
15 603A.040, any document containing such information must be treated as Confidential as set forth
16 herein. If the "Personal Information" as defined by NRS 603A.040 is redacted, then the document
17 may be treated as non-confidential.

18 4.2 Return of Documents; Non-disclosure. Whenever a party other than the producing
19 party designates a document produced by a producing party as Confidential Information in
20 accordance with subparagraph 4.1, each party receiving the document shall either add the
21 Confidential Information designation in accordance with subparagraph 3.2 or substitute a copy of
22 the document bearing such designation for each copy of the document produced by the producing
23 party. Each party shall destroy all undesignated copies of the document or return those copies to the
24 producing party, at the direction of the producing party. If during the fourteen (14) day designation
25 period a party discloses a produced document to a person authorized to receive Confidential
26 Information under subparagraph 7.1, and that document is subsequently designated as Confidential
27 Information in accordance with subparagraph 4.1, the disclosing party shall cause all copies of the
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1 document to be destroyed or returned to the producing party, at the direction of the producing party.
2 The party may thereafter disclose a copy of the document that has been marked as Confidential
3 Information by the designating party, in accordance with subparagraphs 3.2 and 7.1.

4 5. **Objections to Designations.** Any party objecting to a designation of Confidential
5 Information, including objections to portions of designations of multi-page documents, shall notify
6 the designating party and all other parties of the objection in writing up to and through trial of the
7 matter. This notice must specifically identify each document that the objecting party in good faith
8 believes should not be designated as Confidential Information and provide a brief statement of the
9 grounds for such belief. In accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governing
10 discovery disputes, the objecting and the designating parties thereafter shall confer within ten (10)
11 days after the date of such objection in an attempt to resolve their differences. If the parties are
12 unable to resolve their differences, the objecting party shall have twenty one (21) days after the
13 conference concludes to file with the Court a motion to remove the Confidential Information. If an
14 objection is served within forty-two (42) days of trial, the objecting party must file its motion to
15 remove the Confidential Information designation within half of the remaining time before trial, and
16 the meet-and-confer period shall be shortened accordingly. Where a party authored, created, owns,
17 or controls a document, information or other material that another party designates as Confidential
18 Information, the party that authored, created, owns, or controls the Confidential Information may so
19 inform the objecting party and thereafter shall also be considered a designating party for purposes
20 of this paragraph.

21 All documents, information and other materials initially designated as Confidential
22 Information shall be treated as such in accordance with this Protective Order unless and until the
23 Court rules otherwise, except for deposition transcripts and exhibits initially considered as
24 containing Confidential Information under subparagraph 3.5, which will lose their confidential
25 status after twenty-one (21) days unless so designated as Confidential Information. If the Court
26 rules that a designation should not be maintained as to a particular document, the producing party
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1 shall, upon written request by a party, provide that party a copy of that document without the
2 designation described in subparagraph 3.2.

3 If an objecting party elects not to make such a motion with respect to documents within
4 twenty one (21) days after the conference, information or other materials to which an objection has
5 been made, the objection shall be deemed withdrawn. The designating party shall have twenty one
6 (21) days to respond to the objecting party's motion. If no response is filed by the designating party
7 within twenty one (21) days, the designating party shall be deemed to have consented to the
8 objecting party's motion pursuant to LR 7-2(d).

9 6. **Custody.** All Confidential Information and any and all copies, extracts and
10 summaries thereof, including memoranda relating thereto, shall be retained by the receiving party in
11 the custody of counsel of record, or by persons to whom disclosure is authorized under
12 subparagraph 7.1.

13 7. **Handling Prior to Trial.**

14 7.1 Authorized Disclosures. Confidential Information shall be disclosed by the receiving
15 party only to the following persons:

16 a. Counsel for the parties in this litigation, including their associates, clerks, paralegals,
17 and secretarial personnel;

18 b. Qualified persons taking testimony in this litigation involving such Confidential
19 Information, and necessary stenographic, videotape and clerical personnel;

20 c. Experts and their staff who are retained by counsel as expert witnesses for a party in
21 this litigation;

22 d. Experts and their staff who are consulted by counsel for a party in this litigation;

23 e. Parties to this litigation, limited to the named party and, if that party is a corporate
24 entity, a limited number of employees of the corporate entity and its insurers;

25 f. Designated in-house counsel and a limited number of assistants, administrative or
26 otherwise;

1 g. Outside vendors employed by counsel for copying, scanning and general handling of
2 documents;

3 h. Any person of whom testimony is taken regarding the Confidential Information,
4 except that such person may only be shown Confidential Information during his/her testimony, and
5 may not retain a copy of such Confidential Information; and

6 i. This Court and this Court's staff, subject to the Court's processes for filing materials
7 under seal.

8 Such disclosures are authorized only to the extent necessary to investigate, prosecute, or
9 defend the litigation.

10 Confidential Information may not be disclosed to persons under subparagraphs (c) or (d)
11 until the receiving party has obtained a written acknowledgment from the person receiving
12 Confidential Information, in the form of the Declaration attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, that he or she
13 has received a copy of this Protective Order and has agreed to be bound by it. A party who discloses
14 Confidential Information in accordance with subparagraph 7.1 shall retain the written
15 acknowledgment from each person receiving Confidential Information, shall maintain a list of all
16 persons to whom a receiving party has disclosed Confidential Information and identify what
17 documents have been disclosed, and shall furnish the written acknowledgments and disclosure list
18 to opposing counsel as follows: (i) for a person under subparagraph (c), within thirty (30) days after
19 the person signs the Declaration; and (ii) for a person under subparagraph (d), within thirty (30)
20 days after the matter is finally concluded. Disclosure of Confidential Information to this Court,
21 including judicial staff, shall be made in accordance with subparagraph 7.4 of this Protective Order.

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1 7.2 Unauthorized Disclosures. All persons receiving Confidential Information under the
2 terms of this Protective Order are under the jurisdiction of the state courts and U.S. federal courts
3 located in Nevada for all matters arising from the improper disclosure or use of such information. If
4 Confidential Information is disclosed to any person other than in the manner authorized by this
5 Protective Order, the party or person responsible for the disclosure, and any other party or person
6 who is subject to this Protective Order and learns of such disclosure, shall immediately bring such
7 disclosure to the attention of the designating party. Without prejudice to other rights and remedies
8 of the designating party, the responsible party or person shall make every effort to obtain and return
9 the Confidential Information and to prevent further disclosure on its own part or on the part of the
10 person who was the unauthorized recipient of such information.

11 7.3 Court Filings. In the event any Confidential Information must be filed with the Court
12 prior to trial, the proposed filing shall be accompanied by a motion to file the Confidential
13 Information under seal that complies with Local Rule 10-5(b) and a proposed order, and the
14 application and proposed order shall be directed to the judge to whom the Confidential Information
15 is directed. This provision is applicable to briefs, memoranda, and other filings which quote,
16 summarize, or describe Confidential Information.

17 8. Care in Storage. Any person in possession of Confidential Information produced by
18 another party shall exercise reasonable and appropriate care with regard to the storage, custody,
19 copying, and use of such information to ensure that the confidential and sensitive nature of same is
20 maintained.

21 9. Handling During Trial. Confidential Information that is subject to this Order may
22 be marked and used as trial exhibits by either party, subject to terms and conditions as imposed by
23 the Court upon application by any party.

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1 10. **No Implied Waivers.** This Protective Order shall not be interpreted as a waiver of
2 the right to object, under applicable law, to the furnishing of information in response to discovery
3 requests or to object to a requested inspection of documents or facilities. Parties producing
4 Confidential Information in this litigation are doing so only pursuant to the terms of this Protective
5 Order. The taking of any action in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order shall not
6 be interpreted as a waiver of any claim or position or defense in this action, or any other actions.

7 11. **No Admission.** The designation of any item as Confidential Information shall not be
8 construed as an admission that such material, or any testimony concerning such material, would be
9 admissible in evidence in this litigation or in any other proceeding.

10 12. **Inadvertent Disclosure.** Nothing in this Protective Order abridges applicable law
11 concerning inadvertent disclosure of a document that the Disclosing Party believes contains
12 attorney-client communications, attorney work product, or otherwise privileged information. If a
13 party inadvertently discloses documents or information subject to a claim of privilege or work
14 product protection, such disclosure will not waive otherwise applicable claims of privilege or work
15 product protection under applicable law. Upon discovery by the Receiving Party, or receipt of
16 written notice from the Disclosing Party identifying privileged or protected Documents that were
17 inadvertently produced, the receiving party shall within seven (7) business days either: (a) return or
18 certify the destruction of all such documents, all copies, and any work product or portions of any
19 work product containing or reflecting the contents of the subject materials; or (b) after attempting to
20 resolve any dispute with opposing counsel informally, file a motion to challenge the assertion of
21 privilege and tender the subject documents for *in camera* review with the motion. The moving party
22 shall do nothing to compromise the privilege claim until the Court rules on said motion and the
23 opportunity for appellate review is exhausted or the issue is otherwise resolved.

24 13. **Parties' Own Documents.** This Protective Order shall in no way restrict the parties
25 in their use of their own documents and information, and nothing in this Protective Order shall
26 preclude any party from voluntarily disclosing its own documents or information to any party or
27 nonparty.
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1 14. **Motion by Third Party to Compel Production of Confidential Information.** If
2 any third party subpoenas Confidential Information from a party to this action or moves to compel a
3 party to this action to produce any such information, such party shall immediately notify the parties
4 who originally produced and/or designated such information that a subpoena has been served or a
5 motion has been made in order to allow the parties who originally produced and/or designated such
6 information the opportunity to seek a protective order or oppose the motion or application. If,
7 within fourteen (14) days after receiving notice of a subpoena seeking Confidential Information
8 from a receiving party, the party who originally produced and/or designated such information fails
9 to move for a protective order, the party subject to the subpoena may produce said information. In
10 addition, if a party is ordered to produce Confidential Information covered by this Protective Order,
11 then notice and, if available, a copy of the order compelling disclosure shall immediately be given
12 the parties who originally produced and/or designated such information. Nothing in this Protective
13 Order shall be construed as requiring the party who is ordered to produce such Confidential
14 Information to challenge or appeal any order requiring the production of such information or to
15 subject himself/herself to any penalty for non-compliance with any legal process or seek any relief
16 from the Court.

17 15. **No Effect on Other Rights.** This Protective Order shall in no way abrogate or
18 diminish any pre-existing contractual, statutory, or other legal obligations or rights of any party
19 with respect to Confidential Information.

20 16. **Modification.** In the event any party hereto seeks a Court order to modify the terms
21 of this Protective Order, or seeks a protective order which incorporates the terms and conditions of
22 this Protective Order said party shall make such request by written stipulation or noticed motion to
23 all parties that must be served and filed in accordance with local court rules.

24 17. **Handling Upon Conclusion of Litigation.** All parties, counsel, and persons to
25 whom disclosure was made agree to return and/or destroy all Confidential Information to the
26 designating party within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of litigation between the parties,
27 including final appellate action or the expiration of time to appeal or seek further review. In
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addition, counsel shall certify in writing that all such Confidential Information has been returned and/or destroyed. Counsel for each party also shall contact each person to whom that party has provided a copy of any Confidential Information and request the documents be returned. In lieu of returning Confidential Information, the person or party in possession of such information may elect to destroy it. If the person or party in possession of Confidential Information elects to destroy it rather than return it, that person or party must notify the designating party in writing of the destruction of the information within ninety (90) days of the conclusion of litigation between the parties, including final appellate action or the expiration of time to appeal or seek further review.

18. **Survival of the Terms of this Protective Order**. Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Protective Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

DATED this 30th of January, 2019.	DATED this 30th of January, 2019.
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ORDER

Paragraph 7.3 is modified to reflect that any motion regarding filing confidential information and motions to seal shall comply with LR IA 10-5 and the requirements of *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006). *See also, Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016).

Paragraph 18 is modified to reflect that although the parties may agree to be bound by the confidentiality terms of this Order beyond the conclusion of this lawsuit, the dismissal of this action will terminate the jurisdiction of this court.

DATED: January 31, 2019.

William G. Cobb

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE